

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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**JUNE 22, 2004**

**FROM:**       **KEITH GORDON, M.D.**, Interim Director  
                  Department of Behavioral Health

**SUBJECT:**   **EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WITH DIANE TERRONES FOR MENTAL HEALTH  
                  SERVICES**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve employment agreement with Diane Terrones for specialized mental health services for the period July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005 in an amount not to exceed \$41,555.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** Approval of this item will allow the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) to continue to offer specialized services to clients.

DBH contracts with providers to provide highly technical or specialized services to culturally diverse mentally ill clientele and family members. Ms. Terrones is currently contracted to provide Parent Support Coordinator services to DBH clients and has served in this capacity since December 1999. The Board of Supervisors approved Ms. Terrones most recent contract May 20, 2003 (Item # 42). This contract expires June 30, 2004.

Ms. Terrones works eight hours a day, five days a week. Her position provides advocacy services on behalf of seriously and emotionally disturbed (SED) children and adolescents who are separated or at risk of separation from their families. Ms. Terrones' duties include developing parent educational and support groups, promoting collaboration between families and youth services, and acting as liaison between parents, health care providers, and the educational system. The Parent Support Coordinator serves as the departments' Coordinator of the Children and Family Advisory Committee. The Parent Support Coordinator participates in reviewing and implementing behavioral health services for children and families in each region by promoting services which are both family-centered and strengths-based.

Diane Terrones' position has historically been funded through a combination of State CSOC, EPSDT, Federal Medi-Cal, and State realignment funds, however due to the elimination of grant funds and the importance of this position, as DBH's Coordinator of the Children and Family Advisory Committee, this position will be funded for fiscal year 2004/05 solely with realignment funds.

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**REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY OTHERS:** This agreement has been reviewed and approved as to form by, County Counsel, Jean-Rene Basle, Deputy County Counsel, (387-5477) on June 04, 2004. This item was also reviewed by County Administrative Office, Bea Valdez, Administrative Analyst, (388-0211) on June 15, 2004.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** Funding for this position an amount not to exceed \$41,555 is included in the Department's proposed Budget for FY 2004/05. This position is funded by State realignment funds dedicated to mental health service for the residents of San Bernardino County.

**COST REDUCTION REVIEW:** The County Administrative Office has reviewed this agenda item and recommends approval, as it will impose no additional cost to the County while providing specialized services to needy individuals in San Bernardino County.

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT (S):** All

**PRESENTER:** Keith Gordon, M.D., Interim Director  
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